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Examiner Comments

The After-Final Amendment of 11/20/2008 overcomes the rejection based on Porter et al as applied in the Final of 8/20/2008, however, claim 1 (at least) is still relatively broad in the increasingly crowded art of dental implants and appears anticipated by other references.

For example, Harding et al (US 5,538,426) disclose an extension piece for a dental implant 24 having a head part 11 (Fig 3) and a threaded stem 12 (Fig 5)(claim 1 doesn't even specify how the threaded stem is related to the head part). The head part is substantially cylindrical and had a reference form defined a semicylindrical outer surface (note flattened surface 18 and the partial cylindrical surface (Figs 3 and 4), gripping surfaces 22, a 90 degree diagonal cut reference surface immediately above element 22 and a bevel immediately above the reference numeral 21 in Fig 3 that is "between" the semicylindrical outer surface and the 90 degree diagonal cut reference surface. Claim 1 (at least) is broad in failing to specifically locate and orient the identified structures with respect to one another.

Additionally, attention is directed to Harding (US 6,488,501) element 40 in Figures 8-19. The element 40 receives a threaded stem and bevel 43 is between the semicylindrical surface 46, 47, 48, and the bottom edge of the member 40 which may be considered a diagonally cut reference surface.

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